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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re Application of:) ATTY'S DKT: GARABEDIAN1.1A)

Appln. No.: 09/816,669)

) Washington, D.C. Filed: March 26, 2001

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For: METHOD FOR SCREENING...)

Attn: PETITIONS

September 21, 2001

PETITION AND RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

Honorable Commissioner of Patents Washington D.C. 20231

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Sir:

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Applicant is in receipt of the Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application, mailed May 23, 2001, which states that the application was deposited without drawings.

It is respectfully submitted that these papers were originally filed with the application on March 26, 2001. As evidence of said filing, attached please find a copy of the return postcard date-stamped by the PTO Mail Room as having been timely received by the PTO on March 26, 2001, along with a copy of the first page of the transmittal letter of March 26, 2001, which indicates that the application was being filed with 15 Sheets of Drawings (Figs. 1A-18).

As it appears that the presently missing drawing pages (Figs. 1A-18) were somehow separated from the file after 100000000 09816669

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receipt by the PTO, copies of these pages are attached herewith.

In view of the above evidence, it is clear that the presently missing pages were originally filed. Indeed, the postcard by itself should be sufficient, as MPEP Section 503 states:

A postcard receipt which itemizes and properly identifies the papers which are being filed serves as prima facie evidence of receipt of the PTO of all items listed there on the date stamped thereon by the PTO.

The required petition fee set forth under 37 CFR 1.17(h) is also enclosed. It is respectfully requested that any deficiency in the attached fees be charged to the deposit account of the undersigned (02-4035).

This notice also indicated that that basic filing fee, additional claim fees, oath or declaration and late declaration surcharge are missing. In response to this notice, attached herewith please find the basic filing fee of \$355.00 (applicant claims small entity status), additional claim fees of \$126.00, an executed declaration and the late declaration surcharge of \$65.00. The applicant also hereby petitions for a two month extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 of \$195.00 is also included.

Attached hereto is a computer readable form (CRF) of the sequence listing as originally filed.

I hereby state, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. \$1.821(f), that the content of the paper copy sequence listing as originally filed and the attached computer readable copy of the sequence listing are believed to be the same.

I hereby also state, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. \$1.821(g), that the submission is not believed to include new matter.

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